

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph [00033] to read as follows:

[00033] The POTS extender 301 may have a connection to the tip of the local loop 309 in common with a master DSL modem 303. The POTS extender 301 may have a connection to the ring of the local loop 309 in common with the master DSL modem 303. The POTS extender 301 may have a control circuit 305 to the master DSL modem 303. Alternate ways to send a control signal from POTS extender 301 include transmitting such a signal through a backplane 307. Such a control circuit may be under programmed control of a CPU 331 and a CPU 332. POTS extender 301 may control the operation of the master DSL modem 303, such as, by sending a suppression signal or master DSL modem control signal to the master DSL modem 303 to suppress attempts to synchronize with an IAD 105 and enter a quiescent state. The SLIC 311 may sense a current drain the subscriber line 309 which indicates that the IAD 105 has closes relays that put remote telephones directly on the subscriber line 309 circuit. The master DSL modem 303 may enter quiescent state by means known in the art, including removing power to the master DSL modem circuits in response to a suppression signal arriving at the master DSL modem 303.